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SUBJECT: CALL ON LOCAL BOYCOTT OFFICE

REF: A) STATE 142390, B) BAGHDAD 1340, C) DAMASCUS 5122,  
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SUMMARY -- EMBASSY ECON OFFICER MADE FIRST CALL ON GOJ  
BOYCOTT OFFICER IN ORDER TO ACQUAINT HIM WITH 1977 AMEND-  
MENTS OF U.S. EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT AND CONFIRM  
EMBASSY INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT GOJ POLICY AND  
PRACTICE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. BOYCOTT  
OFFICIAL WAS FRIENDLY AND FORTHCOMING BUT MADE CLEAR THAT  
WHILE HE COULD CLARIFY GOJ PRACTICES, DISCUSSIONS OF POLICY  
HAD TO BE UNDERTAKEN AT HIGHER LEVEL. FUTURE CONTACT MAY  
BE USEFUL IN CLARIFYING GOJ PRACTICE, BUT DIALOGUE CONCERNING  
DIRECTION OF POLICY NOT POSSIBLE AT HIS LEVEL. END SUMMARY  
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1. ON AUGUST 20, EMBASSY ECON OFFICER CALLED ON HEAD OF  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS CASES, GEORGE  
BISHARAT, WHO IS IMOST SENIOR GOJ OFFICIAL CHARGED  
WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. RECEPTION  
WAS CORDIAL, AND EVEN FRIENDLY, THOUGH PRESS OF OTHER  
BUSINESS WAS APPARENT. EMBOFF PRESENTED BISHARAT WITH TEXT

OF 1977 AMENDMENTS OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT, WITH WHICH HE WAS ALREADY THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR, HAVING BEEN ASKED BY HIS MINISTER FOR COMMENTS ON THEM. REFERRING TO NOVEMBER 8, 1976 INSTRUCTION OF PREVIOUS MINISTER OF FINANCE (REF D), BISHARAT NOTED THAT GOJ CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN REQUIREMENT SEEMS TO PRESENT NO DIFFICULTY UNDER U.S. LAW BUT THAT THERE WOULD BE PROBLEM WITH SECOND CERTIFICATION REQUIRED BY GOJ, I.E. THAT VESSELS DISCHARGING AT JORDANIAN PORT NOT BE BLACKLISTED. BISHARAT ASSERTED THAT ALL MEMBERS OF ARAB LEAGUE USE THESE TWO CERTIFICATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF SUGGESTION THAT IT WOULD BE TO MUTUAL ADVANTAGE OF U.S. AND JORDAN THAT MEANS BE FOUND TO OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM, OFFICIAL EMPHASIZED HE ONLY CARRIED OUT POLICY AND DID NOT HAVE HAND IN MAKING IT.

2. BISHARAT SAID GOJ, THROUGH HIS OFFICE, CONFIRMS BOYCOTT DECISIONS TAKEN BY CENTRAL BOYCOTT COMMITTEE. ANY COMPANY WISHING TO INQUIRE WHETHER IT IS ON JORDAN BOYCOTT LIST COULD DO SO AT HIS OFFICE OR REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES IN MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE. LATTER OFFICE, WHICH HAS JUST RECENTLY ACQUIRED LIST, COULD PROVIDE BRIEF EXPLANATION FOR BLACKLISTING BUT DETAILS ARE STILL ONLY AVAILABLE AT BISHARAT'S OFFICE. BISHARAT ALSO OFFERED TO PROVIDE COMPLETE DETAILS OF ANY CASE OF BLACKLISTING TO EMBASSY, IF REQUESTED TO DO SO IN WRITING. BLACKLIST ITSELF, HOWEVER, COULD NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE.  
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3. COMMENT -- AS WE PREVIOUSLY SURMIZED THROUGH INDIRECT SOURCES, BISHARAT ONLY ACTS AS GOJ AGENT FOR BOYCOTT IMPLEMENTATION AND AS OCCASIONAL ADVISOR TO SENIOR OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE CONCERNING APPLICATION OF BOYCOTT. DIALOGUE ON POSSIBLE CHANGES IN JORDANIAN POLICY MUST CONTINUE TO BE PURSUED PRIMARILY WITH MINISTER AND POSSIBLY WITH UNDERSECRETARY OBAID, NEITHER OF WHOM FOLLOW DETAILS OF BOYCOTT APPLICATION WITH CONSISTENTLY SERIOUS ATTENTION. WE INTEND TO CALL ON BISHARAT IN FUTURE AS MAY BE USEFUL FOR CLARIFICATION OF JORDANIAN BOYCOTT PRACTICES, AND WE EXPECT HE WILL BE FORTHCOMING. END COMMENT.  
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